

NEW HALL EVIDENCE IGNORES MRS. GIBSON

Case Will Go to Grand Jury
Minus Help of Woman
Farmer's Story.

SIPEL DISPROVED HER

Tale of Automobile Head-
lights Falls When Man
Tells of His Lantern.

POLICEMAN CAUSED TURN

Related an Incident That
Sidetracked Testimony and
Saved Innocent Persons.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 30.—The new evidence collected in the Hall-Mills murder in the last two weeks will probably turn the case in an entirely different direction when it is finally presented to the Somerset Grand Jury. This was learned to-day through a source close to the officials working on the matter, and is supported by some evidence that has been known for many weeks, but in the previous presentation was considered of little importance. In the new case little dependence is placed on any of the several stories told by Mrs. Jane Gibson.

It became known also how the Gibson story was finally reduced to such an uncertain status as to cause the last Grand Jury to refuse to indict certain persons because of it. The main witness who disproved Mrs. Gibson's story was George Sipel, a farmer of Middleburgh, who knew Mrs. Gibson well. The discovery of Sipel was due to the vigilance of a local traffic policeman, who had seen Sipel driving his Ford car through New Brunswick with only a small farm lantern hung on his radiator instead of the regular lights.

The policeman reported this to Michael J. O'Connell, Chief of Police, who handed it to the other authorities. This minor detail proved important, for Mrs. Gibson contended that certain things and persons could be seen by the lights from his two Ford headlights.

Mrs. Gibson Sees Sipel.

She saw Sipel at the latter's farm, just before the case was to go before the last Grand Jury, and asked him if he could not state he had seen certain things. This he declined to do, and then went to the proper authorities with his story, and told them of Mrs. Gibson's visit. He subsequently told this in detail to the Grand Jury in Somerville. In the light of the new evidence, which almost places the hour of the murder at 9:15 or 9:20, Mrs. Gibson's story is weakened further, as she had fixed the time later than 10 o'clock and possibly as late as eleven.

With the time of the killing placed at 9:20 or earlier, Mrs. Hall's account of her movements on the night of the murder is strengthened. Granting the murders were committed by 9:20, she was at that time still in her home, and engaged in putting her young niece to bed. She was seen by several persons in the Hall home after she had put the little girl to bed, and was reading in her room. Her account of her actions that night are verified by witnesses until just before 10 o'clock.

The investigators have found at least three reputable persons who fix the time of the four shots as between 9 and 9:30. Two have been able to place the time as being within fifteen minutes by clocks or watches.

Witnesses Not Called Before.

None of these persons were called before the Grand Jury when the case was last presented. They will be permitted to testify when the Grand Jury takes up the case, as will several other persons who appeared before the last jury.

Despite the fact that Mrs. Hall intended to start for Europe on January 20, her chauffeur, accompanied by Willie Stevens, went to the local bureau of licenses and renewed the automobile license for another year.

It was erroneously stated yesterday that Special Deputy Attorney Mott has said that the new evidence would eliminate Mrs. Hall and give her and her brother, Willie Stevens, a clear alibi. Mr. Mott in an interview on Friday refused to discuss the case except to say that he was still working and that progress had been made. The information regarding the new evidence and the fact that the time of the murder had been almost definitely established came from investigators working within New Brunswick.

TRIO OF PROSECUTORS
TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

One Is H. H. Spellman, Only
22 Years of Age.

As his last official act in the Court of General Sessions Judge Robert E. Johnson yesterday swore in three new members of the staff of District Attorney Barton.

In the trio of new prosecutors are Howard Hilton Spellman of 1 West Ninety-second street, 22 years old, the youngest Deputy Assistant District Attorney ever appointed in this country. He is the son of Benjamin F. Spellman of 115 Broadway and was graduated from Yale and Columbia Law School. John V. Flood of 423 East Sixty-fourth street, who has been prominent in the Thomas M. Farley Democratic Association of the Fourteenth Assembly District, also was appointed deputy assistant.

Edwin P. Kilroe, former assistant under District Attorney Swann, returns to his old post in the Appeals Bureau after two years.

IMMIGRATION IS TOPIC.

Forum Will Hear Addresses by
Leading Mining Engineers.

"Immigration and the Operation of the Present Law" will be discussed at a forum of the New York section of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers at the Chemists Club, 52 East Forty-first street, on the evening of January 8.

Daniel Bloomfield of Boston will deal with labor shortage and immigration. Representatives of leading mining companies will take part.

Two Boys Coast Safely Under Fast Moving Train

CALDWELL, N. J., Dec. 30.—Michael Lynch, 10 years old, and Tony Pedestro, 12, coasting down the western slope of the first Watchung Mountain here to-night, passed over the Erie Railroad tracks beneath a fast moving passenger train without injury. Several persons saw the boys, but the youngsters came out from beneath the train. The boys did not hear the train's approach and had passed to safety before they were aware of the danger.

NICHOLSON, OUSTED FROM ARMY, TO SUE

Seeks \$100,000 From West
Point Commandant—Threat-
ens to 'Lift Lid.'

Malcom Wheeler-Nicholson, formerly Major of cavalry in the United States Army, brought suit yesterday against Eric C. Fred Sladen, commandant at West Point, for \$100,000 for alleged libel and slander in connection with Wheeler-Nicholson's discharge from service under the "Class B" regulation. The complaint was filed in Judge Hand's term of the United States District Court and summons was served on Gen. Sladen at his home in West Point.

Mr. Wheeler-Nicholson, who lives at Framingham, Mass., gave out a statement at the Pennsylvania Hotel in which he said his purpose in suing Gen. Sladen was "to show the public the conditions as they exist in the army."

He continued: "There is such a smelly mess of injustice going on in the American Army to-day that it needs some one to lift the lid. I am trying to do that in the hope that some reform may come of it. It stands to reason that an institution as unpopular as the army must have some faults that irritate the common citizen of this country."

"I am working on the theory that until these irritating factors are removed we will never have an adequate national defense. The civilian pays the bills. He should have an army that does not offend his common sense. The present army lamentably accomplishes this very result."

Mr. Wheeler-Nicholson also gave out a copy of a letter he wrote yesterday to Secretary of War Weeks criticizing the army and announcing that his discharge would not end his fight to reform it.

He was court-martialed for publishing an "open letter" to President Harding last February in which he charged the General staff with "Prussianism." His sentence was a fine of "fifty files," which meant his reduction that many places on the promotion list and his classification as a "B" officer, which carried with it discharge at convenience of the army.

WRECK HALTS TRAFFIC ON LONG ISLAND ROAD

Train Hits Tower Station and
Disarranges Wires.

Traffic in both directions on the Long Island Railroad was checked at 6:40 o'clock last night when three cars of an eastbound freight train jumped the track at Mineola, crashed into a tower station and demolished the network of wires running to the various nearby switches. Officials said it would probably take until this morning to clear away the debris and to repair the wires.

Charles Groth, the switchman stationed in the tower, jumped from the window as the cars hit the structure and was uninjured. The tower was held up by one of the cars and prevented from falling on Groth. When this car is removed, it was said, the tower will collapse.

Trains with hundreds of weekend visitors going to Long Island points were blocked. The traffic was handled by running trains from Hempstead to Mineola, where passengers transferred and walked around the wreckage to board trains going East.

SILK HOSIERY GETS 4 IN LAW'S CLUTCHES

Women Fined and Sentenced
for Holiday Store Thefts.

Five women arrested for shoplifting during the holiday period were arraigned yesterday before Justices Murphy, Healy and Herbert in Special Sessions.

Mrs. Margaret Marston of 435 East Eighty-fifth street and Mrs. Margaret Tausch of 539 East Eighty-fifth street were fined \$25 and sent to the Tombs for two days for stealing hosiery. Mary Smith of 697 Adams street, Hoboken, pleaded guilty to stealing a bag valued at more than \$5 and was fined \$50 and sentenced to a day in the Tombs.

Miss May Watson of 317 Manhattan avenue and Miss Marie Beauvillon of 42 West Sixty-eighth street, who are said to have come here from Buffalo, received suspended sentences after admitting the theft of silk stockings from a Thirty-fourth street store.

ROSENBLUTH HEARING SET.

The final hearing of extradition proceedings against Carol Robert Rosenbluth, indicted by the Federal Grand Jury in Tacoma for the alleged murder in October, 1918, of Mayor Alexander Cronkite at Camp Lewis, will be held day after tomorrow at 2 P. M. before Samuel M. Hitchcock, United States Commissioner.

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HIGH VOLTAGE WIRES WILL TRANSMIT VOICE

Radio Development Is An-
nounced by General Electric.

A new development of radio, the successful transmission of voice over electric power lines carrying 70,000 volts, by means of carrier current, was announced yesterday by the General Electric Company. Successful tests were made over high tension transmission lines over a distance of forty miles. Conversations were carried on under every possible condition such as might occur on a power transmission line, such as short circuits, grounded wires and broken wires.

The apparatus by which the voice is transmitted is similar to a radio outfit, with vacuum tubes, batteries and other familiar appliances. Instead of the voice being radiated through space, as from a broadcasting station, they are kept concentrated about the electric power lines, thus insuring privacy and

THREE PEOPLE HURT AT CENTRAL PARK COAST

Man Has Leg Fractured; Boy
and Girl Suffer Contusions.

Three persons were hurt yesterday afternoon as a result of coasting in Central Park. Inone Tokumochi, 31 years old, of 276 West Eighty-sixth street, sustained a fracture of the left leg when he was run into by a sled while watching the sport near the Thomas Moore statue at Sixty-second street and East Central Park Drive. He was removed to Bellevue Hospital by Dr. McNoughton.

Elizabeth Kaiser, 16 years old, of 1384 Putnam avenue, Brooklyn, was injured internally when she slid into a tree at Cedar Hill, near Seventy-ninth street. Alfred Surico, 11 years old, of 350 East Eighty-second street, received lacerations of the left side when his sled struck a tree on the same hill.

PLAN FOR AVIATORS' BALL.

Committee Decides on Final Ar-
rangements.

There was a meeting to make final arrangements for the aviators' ball next Wednesday night at the Astor held yesterday at the home of Miss Dorothy Collins, 630 Park avenue.

Among those present were Mrs. Good-bie Livingston, Miss Collins, Col. Laurence L. Briggs, the Misses Dolores Carillo, Dorothy Stewart, Leonie Hurd, Margaret Jurgensen, Dorothy Achells, Beth Evans, Alice Bowker, Alice Voss, Mr. Francis Markoe and Capt. Francesco M. Guardabassi.

Balloons of blue, red, green and gold will be used as decorations, and paper aviators' caps also will be available. At midnight a dance of the provinces will be led by the junior group of the ball committee. In turn led by a wandering minstrel, these to be joined by the spectators.

Among those who have taken boxes are Mr. Vincent Astor, Mr. C. M. Keys,

Major Charles E. Glidden, Mr. John King Reckford, Mr. A. B. Gaines, Jr., and Mrs. Otto H. Kahn. Grand tier boxes are \$60, ballroom tier boxes \$35, reserved tables \$25 and single tickets \$5, obtainable from any member of the committee and at the Astor.

WAGE TREND FOR YEAR WAS STEADILY UPWARD

Wages moved upward in 1922. A nationwide survey of wage changes in 1922 made by the National Industrial Conference Board and covering 400,000 wage earners shows a substantial rise in hourly and weekly earnings in all classes of labor from July, 1922, to October, 1922. In only two industries, lumber and rubber, was there a decrease in hourly wages in this period. In automobile manufacturing and book and job printing there was a slight decline in weekly wages.

The average hourly earnings of women show a far greater rise than that of men. The average weekly earnings of all wage earners, which were \$12.37 in

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These ten years have included both war and peace; the well-ordered times before the war; the abnormal war-period with all its stress, strain and uncertainty for business houses as well as individuals and nations; and the equally abnormal years of readjustment. Periods of extreme prosperity have been followed by corresponding extremes of depression, a kaleidoscope of rapidly changing economic conditions.

A Record Remarkable for Its Consistency

Covering a period of such uncertainty and difficulty, the growth of Hathaway's from modest beginnings to its present place among New York's commercial institutions, has been the more remarkable. Instances of sudden business success have been common enough of late, but instances of sound, steady, consistent growth, unaffected by troubled conditions, have been rare indeed.

Consider what it means, under such circumstances, to be able to make this statement:

The steady forward progress of the W. A. Hathaway Company during the past ten years has been unbroken. Each year has shown a distinct advance over the year before. Practically every month has surpassed the corresponding month of the previous year.

Perhaps the entire astonishing record can best be summed up by a single significant comparison:

In a single month in 1922, more Hathaway Furniture was bought by our patrons than in any entire year before the great war.

All this can have only one meaning—that the Hathaway ideal of Good Furniture, unwavering adherence to approved styles, sound values and fair prices, has earned the unqualified endorsement of those who know and appreciate Furniture excellence. It is an appropriate time to express to them our sincere gratitude for their consistent and ever-increasing patronage.

Now the Consummation: A New Home for Hathaway Furniture

Early in 1923, probably by March 1st, the W. A. Hathaway Company will occupy their own building, now nearing completion, at 51 West 45th Street. More than twice as much space as at present will then be available for Hathaway Furniture.

But the importance of this step cannot be indicated in terms of space alone. In arrangement and appointments, as well as in the Furniture they contain, the new show-rooms will be the realization of the hopes and ambitions of many years. They are to represent the utmost that a Furniture Store can be, the fulfillment of the Hathaway ideal of service to our patrons in enabling them to select Good Furniture at favorable prices, in comfortable and agreeable surroundings.

There will be a later, definite announcement of the opening of the new Hathaway Building. On behalf of the Greater Hathaway's of the future, we bespeak a continuation of the cordial patronage which has made it possible. We can ask no more.

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